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02/04/92	09:59	Gov. Paz, Gov. of Maricaoibo is still being held hostage, but is expected to be released soon. Consulate Maricaoibo
02/04/92	10:16	Pockets of rebel controlled areas are growing smaller in Maricaoibo and Caracas. Rebels resistance in Valencia is more active. Embassy reports La Carlota is now in the hands of forces loyal to CAP, but gunfire can still be heard at La Carlota. Caracas' main Airport is open. Embassy reports there have been no injuries to American Citizens in Venezuela. AmEmb Caracas
02/04/92	10:25	Victoria Monzano, Dir. of Federal Reserve, (protect) says the Central Bank is open. TelCon with Monzano
02/04/92	11:09	Embassy reports the GOV has announced its intention to suspend constitutional guarantees for 10 days beginning at 1015 2/04/92. Embassy also reports that 6 policemen and 4 DISIP officers have been killed while defending the President's residence, La Casona. Caracas 1128
02/04/92	11:46	Embassy has evacuated all personnel and dependents from the La Floresta apartments (approx 25 people) and all are now on the Embassy compound. CARACAS 1116) Note: This is older info
02/04/92	11:49	FBIS reports that Rebels at the Paez Garrison in Maracay have surrendered. FBIS also reports F-16's have been overflying the Valencia Air Base. FBIS Venezolana de Television
02/04/92	11:51	FBIS reports "Commander Chavez," NEI, speaking from Caracas has asked rebel troops in Aragua and Valencia to lay down their arms "to prevent further bloodshed."
02/04/92	12:00	GOV MinDef has announced that all Rebels have surrendered, but there has been no outside confirmation. Telcon AmEmb Caracas MG
02/04/92	12:08	OAS has announced it will hold a special session on Venezuela today at 1600 EST. (Telcon MG/OAS)
02/04/92	12:39	CNN is reporting that the Venezuela Coup has failed. However, the Embassy has not yet confirmed the alleged surrender of

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		f insurgent troops in Venezuela. (CNN/MG)
02/04/92	12:59	Consulate Maricaoibo reports that the Airport is closed, but in Gov hands. Consulate also reports that Gov. Paz has been freed. There have numerous reported deaths, but no reports have been confirmed at this time. They also report that forces loyal to the Gov are in control of Maricaoibo.
02/04/92	13:08	GOV appears to be regaining control in Maracaibo. Governor PAZ has been released. Airport appears to be closed but is in Government hands. Consulate had, prior to the coup, heard of unusual troop movements by the army in the Maracaibo area, but they had no reason to think this was an indicator of a coup. (MG-Consulate Maracaibo Telcon)
02/04/92	13:22	Roger Blum of Carnival Cruise Lines called the mg. CA repr. told Blum that the planned stop of 1000 U.S. citizen passengers in La Guaiara morning of 2/5/92 should be cancelled. Carnival stops every Wednesday at La Guaiara, and approx: 1000 passengers travel by bus to Caracas for shopping. Blum agreed to cancel the stop on 2/5.
02/04/92	13:38	Embassy reports forces loyal to CAP have retaken La Carlota a airfield and are searching for possible holdouts. Gen. Fuguet, Commander of VAF, and other Senior officers were reportedly released from Air Force Building at La Carlota at 11:00 Lt. Col. Hugo Chavez Friaz, aka Commander Chavez, urged his men to lay down their arms. As of 1200 local rebel forces were still in control of positions in La Valencia, including the airport. VAF F-16's have, reportedly, been overflying Valencia and have launched airstrikes on rebel positions. Ven Min Def announced at 12:45 that all/all forces were under control and the coup was over. DISIP spokesmen have announced that a 7 deaths have been reported to them, and that 250 rebels were arrested at the Presidential compound (miraflores), and that five deaths were reported at Miraflores.
02/04/92	15:18	ACTION ITEM ARA/AND advises Venezuela Monitoring group to stand down. OPS confirms that VMG order to stand down at 1545

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